

MAPLE

New York maple syrup 2008 production increased 44 percent from 2007. Syrup production is estimated at 322,000 gallons, up from the 224,000 gallons produced in 2007. Only Vermont produced more syrup than New York.

The number of taps, 1.48 million, increased slightly from last year. Syrup produced per tap averaged 0.218 gallons, up from 0.152 gallons in 2007. The final value of the 2007 crop is \$7.50 million.



Table 37. **MAPLE SYRUP:** Production and Value, New York, 1998-2008

Crop	Syrup made ^{1/}	Average date		Gallons of sap per gallon of syrup	Average price per gallon	Value of production
		First run made	Last run made			
	<u>1,000 gals.</u>			<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dollars</u>
1998	263	Feb. 25	Mar. 28	41	26.85	7,062
1999	222	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	43	27.30	6,061
2000	239	Feb. 27	Mar. 24	49	29.00	6,931
2001	220	Mar. 11	Apr. 7	40	29.50	6,490
2002	260	Feb. 22	Mar. 30	44	26.80	6,838
2003	210	Mar. 13	Apr. 9	44	26.80	5,628
2004	255	Mar. 4	Apr. 3	44	28.20	7,191
2005	222	Mar. 13	Apr. 5	41	31.70	7,037
2006	253	Mar. 7	Apr. 3	46	31.70	8,020
2007	224	Mar. 11	Apr. 9	46	33.50	7,504
2008	322	Mar. 8	Apr. 8	40	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>

The season opened on March 8 and closed on April 8. Sap quality was excellent and the sugar content was high. Medium syrup accounted for 46 percent of production, with 42 percent light and 12 percent dark. Producers in the North Country reported a below average maple season due to extended cold weather followed by a quick warm up. The weather did not cycle evenly around freezing. Elsewhere around the state, producers had an outstanding season. Ideal weathr conditions resulted in good sap flow. Some described the season as almost perfect.

^{1/} Includes syrup later made into sugar. ^{2/} Available June 2008.

Table 38. **MAPLE SYRUP:** Price by Type of Sales and Size of Container, New York, 2006-2007

Type	Gallons		½ Gallon		Quarts		Pints		½ Pint	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Retail	32.90	34.10	19.10	19.80	11.40	12.00	7.00	7.80	4.40	4.80
Wholesale	27.70	30.60	16.30	17.60	8.70	10.60	5.40	5.95	3.60	3.70
Bulk	Bulk All Grades					Bulk All Grades				
	2006		2007			2006		2007		
	<i>Dollars per pound</i>					<i>Dollars per gallon</i>				
	1.80		2.05			19.90		22.60		